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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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CHIRCHIK ARMY TRAINING AREA AZAT BASH
AND
CHIRCHIK ARMY TRAINING AREA NORTH
(41-32N 069-33E)

CHIRCHIK, TASHKENTSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF CHIRCHIK ARMY TRAINING AREA AZAT BASH AND CHIRCHIK ARMY TRAINING AREA NORTH.

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SUMMARY

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Chirchik Army Training Area Azat Bash and Chirchik Army Training Area North [REDACTED] are adjacent to each other on the north side of Chirchik. These 2 installations are interrelated and are utilized by the army barracks areas of Chirchik (Figure 1).

The training areas cover approximately 30,000 acres and contain a bivouac area with 2 administration buildings, 2 probable barracks, 3 quarters, 4 probable storage buildings, 4 vehicle sheds, and 27 support buildings. Training facilities include 7 small-arms firing ranges, 2 wheeled-vehicle driver-training areas, a tracked-vehicle driver-training area, 3 tank/assault-gun firing ranges, and numerous field and anti-aircraft artillery training positions. Also included are 2 probable subcaliber moving-target firing ranges, a probable wheeled-vehicle mounted automatic weapons firing range,

and 2 unidentified training facilities consisting of a series of parallel ground scars.

The area was covered by TALENT missions in [REDACTED]. Two vehicle sheds were added between [REDACTED]. Six small-arms firing ranges, a wheeled-vehicle driver-training course, 2 probable subcaliber moving target firing ranges, and 1 of the unidentified training facilities were first observed on [REDACTED] coverage. The probable vehicle-mounted automatic weapons firing range and the other unidentified training facility were first observed on [REDACTED] photography. A small-arms firing range and a wheeled-vehicle driver-training area were first observed on [REDACTED] coverage. The installations have, as a whole, maintained a high level of activity.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

The installations are connected by trails with the Chirchik road network.

Aircraft Landing Strip

Chirchik airfield is located within the training area. The only association the airfield has with training is the set of aircraft silhouettes north of the runways.

Administration and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains 2 administration buildings, 2 probable barracks, 3 quarters, 1 probable communications building, 4 probable storage buildings, 26 support buildings, and an L-shaped bivouac area. No changes were observed, and the area appears active.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J is an equipment storage/maintenance facility with three 260- by 40-foot vehicle sheds and a 130- by 40-foot vehicle shed. The area is active, and 2 vehicle sheds were added between [REDACTED]

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Athletic Field

Area K is an athletic field.

Small-Arms Firing Ranges

Areas L1 through L7 are small-arms firing ranges.

Area L1 is 170 by 60 feet with light scarring. It was first observed on [REDACTED] photography.

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Area L2 is 170 by 60 feet and is probably inactive. It was first observed on [REDACTED] coverage.

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Area L3 is 770 by 250 feet. Four support buildings are located at the firing line.

Area L4 is 260 by 150 feet.

Area L5 is 250 by 140 feet.

Area L6 is 80 by 60 feet.

Area L7 is 170 by 70 feet.

These ranges were first observed on [REDACTED] coverage.

Driver-Training Areas

Area M1 is a wheeled-vehicle driver-training course first observed on [REDACTED] coverage. The area appears active on all coverage, and no changes have occurred.

Area M2 is a tracked-vehicle driver-training area. The area appears to have been expanded between [REDACTED]. A tank/assault-gun firing range, a subcaliber range, and a probable vehicle-mounted automatic weapons firing range were abandoned between [REDACTED].

Area M3 is a wheeled-vehicle driver-training area first observed on [REDACTED] coverage. It is lightly used.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

Areas N1, N2, and N3 are tank/assault-gun firing ranges.

Area N1 is 4,125 feet long and has six 2,580-foot lanes and 5 moving targets. Heavy scarring was observed on all coverage. Nine range support buildings are located in back of the static firing line.

Area N2 is 4,125 feet long and has 6 possible 1,550-foot lanes and 8 moving targets. The trackage appears to be wheeled-vehicle. Heavy scarring was observed on all coverage. One range support building and 5 raised, tower-like structures are associated with the range.

Area N3 is 2,850 feet long and has three 775-foot lanes, three 1,420-foot lanes, and 5 moving targets. The trackage is irregular,

compared with range N1. Heavy scarring was observed on all coverage. Seven range support buildings are associated with the range.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Area Q1 is a field artillery emplacement with 6 in-line firing positions. Only 4 of the batteries appear to have been used recently. There has been a steady decline in activity since [REDACTED].

Area Q2 is an AAA emplacement with 8 firing positions and approximately 8 AAA batteries. Only one battery appears active. There has been a steady decline in activity since [REDACTED].

Infantry or Combined Arms Field Training or Courses

The entire training area has a network of personnel trenching. No well-defined infantry training course can be observed.

Special Training Facilities

Area S1 was first observed on [REDACTED] coverage. It is a probable 1,000-foot subcaliber moving target firing range with 4 moving targets. Six range-support buildings are associated with the range.

Area S2 was first observed on [REDACTED] photography. It is a probable 3,100-foot vehicle-mounted automatic weapons firing range with 17 moving targets. The closed circuits have an average length of 770 feet. There are 18 range support buildings in the back of the static firing line.

Area S3 is a probable 2,560-foot subcaliber moving target firing range with 8 moving targets. One range support building is associated with the range. It was first observed on [REDACTED] coverage.

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Unidentified Facilities or Tracking Activity

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Area T1 was first observed on [REDACTED] coverage. Four parallel ground scars approximately 4,100 feet long have 1,650-foot long tracked-vehicle loops. There is no definite impact area downrange.

Area T2 was first observed on [REDACTED] coverage. Eight parallel ground scars approximately 3,600 feet long have no well-defined static firing line.

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